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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am a professor of information systems at San Francisco State University. It is important to me that I send my students out into a field of work that is stable and profitable. At the same time I want them to be able to engage in fair business practices. For these reasons I am pleased that we have finally reached a settlement in the antitrust dispute against Microsoft. I feel that this suit has created a great deal of trouble within the technology industry, and I feel that at this time we do not need uncertainty in our fledgling profession.

This settlement is fair and I believe that with it in place we can finally begin moving forward again in the utilization of Information Technology in the workplace without the uncertainty that has held us captive during the period of the Microsoft lawsuit. Microsoft will no longer be permitted to engage in monopolistic business practices. The company will design all future versions of its Windows operating system to be compatible with the products of its competitors. The company will also refrain from committing any further retaliatory actions against its competitors.

I believe that with these provisions in place we will finally be able to get back to the business of innovation. This nation is the worldwide leader of the IT industry, and this is greatly due to the innovation and ingenuity of the Microsoft Corporation, we do not need to destroy one of this nation's best and brightest stars of the IT sector. Thank you for this opportunity to express my position.

Sincerely,

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